

HOUSE No. 3916

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Koutoujian and Viriato Manuel deMacedo

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act further regulating funeral directors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Peter J. Koutoujian	10th Middlesex
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Richard R. Tisei	Middlesex and Essex
Michael W. Morrissey	Norfolk and Plymouth
William C. Galvin	6th Norfolk
John D. Keenan	7th Essex
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Pam Richardson	6th Middlesex
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
Steven M. Walsh	11th Essex
Carlo P. Basile	1st Suffolk
Katherine Clark	32nd Middlesex
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex
Stephen Stat Smith	28th Middlesex
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk
Martin J. Walsh	13th Suffolk
Robert F. Fennell	10th Essex
James Cantwell	4th Plymouth

Michael J. Moran	18th Suffolk
Paul Kujawski	8th Worcester
Vincent A. Pedone	15th Worcester
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Kevin G. Honan	17th Suffolk
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Paul J. Donato	35th Middlesex
Kevin Aguiar	7th Bristol
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex
Thomas P. Kennedy	Second Plymouth and Bristol
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
John V. Fernandes	10th Worcester
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
Steven A. Tolman	Second Suffolk and Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 151 A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

(I) The following services performed by an individual a funeral home or associated with funeral services:

1. Parking lot assistants;
2. Placement of flowers in respective rooms for decedents' services;
3. Doorman, greeting visitors indicating which room the family is in;
4. Giving directions to church and cemeteries for respective services;
5. Rearranging furniture and chairs before and after services;
6. Arranging floral tributes in service room and removing for delivery to cemetery;
7. Delivering flowers to nursing homes after services;
8. Serving as supplemental pallbearers with family members;
9. Serving as ushers during church services;
10. Assisting elderly and handicap visitors enter & exit for services;
11. Setting out traffic funeral cones at the church where services are held.

SECTION 2. Section 2A of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2B. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply the following services performed by an individual of a funeral home or associated with funeral services:

1. Parking lot assistants;
2. Placement of flowers in respective rooms for decedents' services;
3. Doorman, greeting visitors indicating which room the family is in;
4. Giving directions to church and cemeteries for respective services;
5. Rearranging furniture and chairs before and after services;
6. Arranging floral tributes in service room and removing for delivery to cemetery;
7. Delivering flowers to nursing homes after services;
8. Serving as supplemental pallbearers with family members;
9. Serving as ushers during church services;
10. Assisting elderly and handicap visitors enter & exit for services;
11. Setting out traffic funeral cones at the church where services are held

SECTION 3. Chapter 111M of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 111M ½. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following services performed by an individual of a funeral home or associated with funeral services:

1. Parking lot assistants;
2. Placement of flowers in respective rooms for decedents' services;
3. Doorman, greeting visitors indicating which room the family is in;
4. Giving directions to church and cemeteries for respective services;
5. Rearranging furniture and chairs before and after services;
6. Arranging floral tributes in service room and removing for delivery to cemetery;

- 41 7. Delivering flowers to nursing homes after services;
- 42 8. Serving as supplemental pallbearers with family members;
- 43 9. Serving as ushers during church services;
- 44 10. Assisting elderly and handicap visitors enter & exit for services;
- 45 11. Setting out traffic funeral cones at the church where services are held.